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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

This Amendment After Final is responsive to the final Office Action (the Action) mailed April 10, 2002. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and allowance of the present application. Alternatively, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment as narrowing the issues for further consideration.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 36-44 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of the application as evidenced by the Action mailed April 10, 2002. Claims 23-25 and 27-66 are currently pending. Applicants have canceled Claims 36-44 without prejudice to filing a continuing application thereon.

Claims 23-25, 30, 36, 37, 39, and 40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,029,602 to Bhatnagar (Bhatnagar). Claims 28, 29, 31-35, 38, 41-44, and 46-50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bhatnagar in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,207,005 to Henley et al. (Henley). Claim 30 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,055,927 to Shang et al. (Shang). Claims 27-29, 45, and 51-66 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as